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IWW moves offices from San Francisco

The Industrial Workers of the World, a small militant union which flourished in the 1920s but now has only about 400 to 500 members, has moved its headquarters to an Ypsilanti storefront from San Francisco because its new leader, Fred Chase, lives in Ann Arbor.

The IWW's, or Wobblies', charter asserts an inherit conflict between workers and bosses, and the group scoffs at the AFL-CIO's attempts at harmony with management. The union was formed in 1904 as an offshoot of the AFL and had "Big" Bill Haywood as one of its early leader.

The IWW holds a weekly labor film series and a discussion group called "Fire Your Boss" at the site.